Closure of AMU

2298. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent closure of the Aligarh Muslim University.

(b) if so, the rationale behind the closure of this University;

(c) whether any inquiry regarding police firing in the AMU campus, in which one student was killed & several injured, has been conducted;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof along with the action taken against the persons found guilty; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University had to be closed sine die to restore normalcy following unrest amongst the students due to the incident involving killing of a student in the early hours of 2nd October, 1996.

(c) to (e). An inquiry into the incident, ordered by the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, is in progress.

Use of Ganga and Ground Water by U.P.

2299. SHRI HARADHAN ROY :
SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that U.P. and Bihar are using more Ganga water than the ground water for their irrigation purposes;

(b) whether the Government are considering to advise these States to use ground water for irrigation purposes thereby release more water to the down stream;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other ways to make available more Ganga water to the down stream particularly during the lean period?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The State of Uttar Pradesh uses more ground water than surface water including Ganga water for irrigation where as the state of Bihar uses more surface water including Ganga water than ground water for irrigation purposes.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. Utilisation of water for various purposes including irrigation is the responsibility of the State Government. However, Central Ground Water Board has formulated a scheme for development of ground water in eastern States of Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal and eastern Uttar Pradesh which is at consultation stage.

(d) No such study has been made by the Government so far.

Free and Compulsory Education

2300. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high level Committee has been set up to consider free and compulsory education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of meetings of the Committee held so far;

(d) the salient features of recommendations/ observations made at the meetings of the Committee; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Government have appointed a Committee, chaired by Shri Muhi Ram Saikia, Union Minister for Human Resource Development (Education) to consider the financial, administrative, legal and academic implications of the proposal to make the right to free and compulsory elementary education a Fundamental Right.

(b) The details of the members of the Committee, its terms and tenure are given in the enclosed statements copy of this Department's Order dated 29 August, 1996 constituting the Committee. The tenure of the Committee has since been extened upto 15-1-1997.

(c) The Committee has hold three meetings so far.

(d) the Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

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ORDER

The Common Minimum Programme of the United Front proposes to make free and compulsory education for children upto 14 years a Fundamental Right for achieving universalisation of elementary education by the turn of the century. This proposal would give the